



C4IT Service Center

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Coast Guard Day at OSC

Members of the Coast Guard's Operations Systems Center (OSC) had a cool time in the heat celebrating the organization's 219th birthday with a Coast Guard Day picnic.

Over 550 Coast Guard members and their families from OSC and neighboring National Maritime Center celebrated with a catered meal followed by numerous family-oriented games and activities.

The event took place at Poor House Farm Park, a



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137-acre picturesque park nestled between the mountains near Martinsburg, WV. The park is a parcel of land that once was part of a 400-acre tract owned by Lord Fair-

fax in 1776.

A local DJ kept the pace moving along with activities, including: Karaoke, volleyball, horseshoes, and the opportunity to

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TISCOM Approved As A Computer Network Defense Service Provider

At the conclusion of a weeklong Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) certification for Computer Network Defense Service Provider (CNDSP), Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems

Command (TISCOM) will receive an Interim Authority To Operate (IATO) to operate as a CNDSP. The assessment process consisted of 124 metrics covering 18 areas of Information Assurance. The assessment showed TIS-

COM was compliant with 117 of the 124 metrics. A Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) will be developed to outline the actions required to become fully compliant with the additional seven metrics. TISCOM will

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Defense Knowledge Online (DKO): the DOD Portal

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DKO offers you a wide variety of services such as email with a 100MB mailbox; Instant Messaging/Chat; forums and discussion groups; video messaging; a white pages with military (active, reserve and guard), armed service civilians and contractors; unlimited organization storage and 50MB of personal storage; and a place where

you can access all the Net-centric Enterprise Services (NCES) services that include video/audio collaboration using Defense Connect Online.

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that is coming soon) where you can find out who shares your interests and collaborate with other armed service users to advance an idea or effort.

All U.S. armed service Civilian and Military possessing a Common Access Card (CAC) may open an account on DKO. Go to www.dko.mil or www.us.army.mil (same portal).

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Vice Commandant Change of Watch Ceremony



(L-R) DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, VADM Vivien Crea, and ADM Thad Allen at the Change of Watch Ceremony

On 7 August 2009, VADM Vivien Crea was relieved as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard by VADM David Pekoske. VADM Crea served the Coast Guard with distinction for over 36 years and as the Vice Commandant for the last three years.

Throughout her career, she commanded both fixed and rotary wing

aircraft and later commanded two Coast Guard Air Stations. The Change of Watch ceremony was held outside at TISCOM. VADM Crea's official retirement ceremony will be held at in Elizabeth City, NC in October 2009.

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Modernization Update: DCMS Directors' Council Integrates Mission Support Services

Five Service and Logistics centers (Air Logistics Center (ALC), C4IT Service Center (C4IT SC), Personnel Service Center (PSC), Surface Forces Logistics Center (SFLC), and the Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center (SILC)) were established as part of Coast Guard Modernization. These Service Centers and Logistics Centers (SC/LC) will implement the Coast Guard's vision of bi-level maintenance, focused on product lines with strong configuration management.

The Assistant Commandants in the Mission Support Organization chartered the Director's Council to estab-



lish and apply consistent business-driven processes to identify, prioritize, and address cross-cutting problems and opportunities across all of the SC/LCs. The Directors' Council collaborates in an open forum to discuss issues and resolve problems within each of the LC/SC Commanding Officers' budget and authority. The Directors' Council also provides actionable recommen-

dations and funding estimates to the Chief of Staff on problems that can be addressed through joint efforts among LC/SCs. The overall goal of the Directors' Council is to reduce organizational "stove piping" and ensure consistency of reporting, business processes, and documentation."

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dunk their favorite supervisor in the dunk tank.

Younger members were busy with numerous opportunities such as a moon bounce, a kids' fishing tournament at the park's five-acre stocked lake, and an afternoon of games sponsored by the OSC's Spouses Club. Local service organizations present included the Berkeley County Sheriff's department who provided

fingerprinting and fire and rescue vehicles.

Rounding out the afternoon's activities were Toland Racing from nearby Pikeside and the Hagerstown Suns baseball organization from Hagerstown, Md.

Future drivers had the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of a Sprint Kart and imagine the blur of going around the oval track in one of sev-

eral of Toland's race cars. Young and old tested their arm at the Suns speed pitching booth hosted by Woolie, the Suns mascot.

OSC is designated as the United States Coast Guard's premier Software Development Center. As a software development Center of Excellence, OSC also provides an array of life cycle support for over fifty enterprise information systems. Other Commands around the Service Center held similar events.

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Unit Spotlight: Honor Guard Is Part of the C4IT Community

The United States Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard provides Presidential support duty to the Military District of Washington and the Commandant, by representing the United States Coast Guard through ceremonial operations held before world leaders and dignitaries, and to lay to rest the remains of our fallen shipmates with proper military honors, dignity and respect.

The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard was established at the request of President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Prior to that, the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey, was responsible for supplying a recruit platoon to fulfill Coast Guard commitments in National Ceremonies. This not only proved expensive, but the recruits lacked essential experience and performance skills. On March 5, 1962, Admiral Alfred C. Richmond, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, established the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard. The Honor Guard, was located at the United States Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland, and had 33 original members. In order to reduce the logistical problems involved in responding to ceremonial tasking in Washington D.C. from Baltimore, the Honor Guard moved its base of operations to the Coast Guard Radio Station Washington in 1965, the facility now known as the Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems Command (TISCOM).

The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard performs in ceremonies for the Commandant, the Military District of Washington (MDW), and the Naval District of Washington (NDW). Ceremonies can include parades, funerals, representing the Coast Guard at White House dignitary arrivals, as well as presenting colors at local and official functions. Honor Guard members participate in both joint service activities as well as Coast Guard functions.



Coast Guard Honor Guard is stationed at TISCOM in Alexandria, VA.

The Honor Guard performs in over 1100 ceremonies annually.

The Honor Guard is comprised of 74 members, with a Lieutenant (O-3) serving as the Officer in Charge, two junior officers (usually O-1 and O-2) serving as Operations Officer and Training Officer, a Chief Petty Officer (E-7) serves as the Honor Guard Chief/Chief Master at Arms alongside six Petty Officers (ranging from E-4 to E-6). The remaining 64 members of the Honor Guard are “first-tour” non-rates (E3) coming directly out of Training Center Cape May. The officers and non-rates serve a two-year tour of duty in the Honor Guard, while the Chief Petty Officer and Petty Officers serve four year tours. Personnel interested in joining the Honor Guard may contact the OIC, LT Epperson, at 703-313-5401.

The Honor Guard recently played a prominent role in the Inauguration and parade of President Obama; the internment of the late Senator Edward Kennedy; and

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have six months to complete the POA&M from the day they receive the CNDSP designation letter from USSTRATCOM. A formal DISA out brief was given to CAPT Ritter, TISCOM CO, on Friday Aug 14th. CNDSP certification clears the path for TISCOM to operate CG Trusted Internet Connections (TICs).

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the Coast Guard Festival at Grand Haven, MI. In the coming months, the Honor Guard is scheduled to participate in numerous events, includ-

ing the funerals of several former Coast Guard personnel at Arlington National cemetery, in the G-20 summit in Pennsylvania, and in several drill team performances around the country.

You can watch the Honor Guard march in President Obama's Inaugural Parade on 20 January 2009 at:

http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=453645.

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The Directors' Council membership includes the Commanding Officer/Director of the ALC, C4IT SC, PSC, SFLC, SILC, FINCEN, and the R&D Center, along with representatives from CG-9 and DCMS-5. The Chair of the Directors' Council rotates on a yearly basis among the SC/LC and is currently held by the Director of the C4IT Service Center, Mr. Mark Powell. DCMS-5 facilitates the Director's Council meetings and prepares meeting minutes.

The Directors' Council has been meeting monthly to exchange lessons learned, review materials, and address problems associated with the standup of the SC/LCs and the planned disestablishment of the MLCs. Once immediate problems are resolved and common processes are adopted, the meetings will oc-

cur on a quarterly basis.

Each SC/LC hosts the meetings on a rotating basis. The meetings are planned to coincide with other events to reduce travel.

The Director's Council has accomplished a number of significant actions in only eight meetings. The Council established the Business Operations Committee (BOC) to provide day-to-day coordination among the SC/LCs. It established the concept of the Primary Support Officer (PSO) along with a RACI Matrix (Responsible – Accountable – Consulted – Informed) for the execution and accomplishment of common or shared services and responsibilities among co-located Mission Support field elements. The RACI Matrix will serve as an overarching framework to execute responsibilities and deliver services

RACI Matrix

- R = Responsible
- A = Accountable
- C = Consulted
- I = Informed

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not considered core functions of the various Logistics and Services Centers. The Director's Council worked also with ALC to establish and hold the first Product Line Managers Academy in May to training senior leaders in the LC/SCs in the Coast Guard Logistics Business Model.

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- Leadership
- Equal opportunity and human relations.

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ESU Kodiak's National Distress System Team

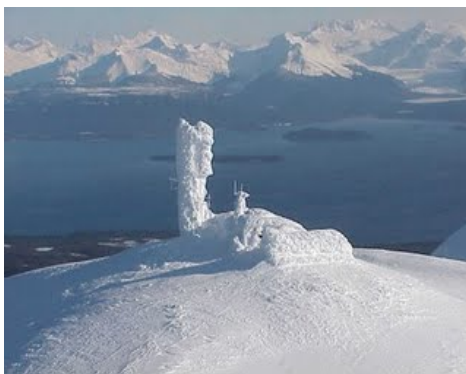
ESU Kodiak's NDS team oversees the contracted maintenance of more than 40 sites including VHF, HF, microwave links and Command Center watch positions throughout Alaska.

With ETC Mike Yrjana as the one Quality Assurance Evaluator (QAE) in Kodiak and A.J. Edwards as the NDS Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) in Juneau, this dedicated and well trained team works hard to ensure the Coast Guard's National Distress System radios throughout Alaska stay on the air.

This ensures D17's operational commands are equipped to listen for

mariners in distress and conduct command and control of CG assets. Providing coverage to several thousand square miles, NDS sites are located in some of the roughest terrain in the state.

Given these remote mountain top locations, the team logs as much commercial helicopter travel time as anything else – a necessary hazard of the job but a welcome one instead of the view from an office window.



Robert Barron site in April.



And in September.